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Dam Core Found Rotten

ROSEBUD

A Dallas-based company has completed core testing of the Rosebud city lake dam and found that a part of the dam has an extensive amount of rotten dirt, slush, and wood. The test was taken from that part of the dam that has cracked the most.

Traffic Study Funded

ROCKDALE

Rockdale City Mgr. Ernie Moore says that the city has received a $5,000 grant from the Governor's office on Traffic Safety to enable the city to undertake a traffic safety engineering survey. Confirmation of the grant was received from the Central Texas Council of Governments. After the survey the city will receive additional state funds to enable the city to implement recommendations.

Banks Post $16 Million Jump

GEORGETOWN

While inflation continued to nibble away at the dollar in 1975, Williamson County banks posted a $16 million jump in deposits, entering the new year with $141 million in local vaults. All of the county's 15 banks registered deposit gains during the last calendar year, with First Taylor National registering a $4.1 increase.

Grass Fires Consume 500 Acres

CALDWELL

Two grass fires that occurred in 12 hours Saturday morning consumed approximately 500 acres of pasture land. The first was one-half mile south of the Caldwell city limits adjoining SH 36. The other was near the Chriesman community and burned 400 acres, occurring in both Milam and Burleson counties.

Poage Speaks To Students On Democracy

"The basic difference between Britain and the American colonies was what constitutes representation," Cong. W. R. (Bob) Poage told Yoe High School students in an informal speech and question session Friday morning.

His talk followed presentation of a Bicetennial slide show on the beginnings of America's freedom from British rule.

Poage went on to explain how representative democracry works, saying there is "no such thing as pure democracy--" that could only be done with very few people so each could be represented.

Poage said that each representative now represents more than 460,000 persons.

In a question period following his talk, Poage said the government must lower its level of expenditures. "We can't keep spending more than we take in," he said. Poage said inflation is the "cruelist tax ever invented."

The congressman said he believes it was a mistake for President Ford to help New York City and said he did not vote for that piece of legislation. "They were enjoying luxuries you and I don't enjoy and they're still enjoying them."

Poage said the federal budget can be cut and that the nation is spending too much on welfare. "I believe in not giving a dime to those who don't work," he said. The food stamp program is supposed to help the needy, Poage said, but many on the food stamps are not needy.

He said the defense budget can be cut more than it has been.

Poage agreed that farmers are having to pay unfair taxes and said he favors a bill that would raise to $200,000 the tax exemption in death duties for farmers. The present amount of $60,000 was set in 1932.

In answer to another question he said he favors military aid to foreign countries if properly handled. "It is the cheapest defense we can buy." he said.

Residents Urged To Return Registration

All residents are urged to fill out the new voter registrations forms that they have received in the mail.

The new registrants must fill out the new forms and established voters are encouraged to also fill out the forms so that the county voting rolls can be updated for the upcoming elections.

Registrants should carefully read the form and fill them out properly.

The forms should be returned to the county tax assessor-collector by January 31.

Milam Banks Post $5 Million Gain

Milam County banks gained over $5 million last year in deposits as shown in a bank call ordered by the Federal Reserve Bank for the close of business December 31, 1975 compared to December 31, 1974.

Gains reported by Milam banks included: Citizens National of Cameron, $2,364,581; First National, Cameron, $1,562,083; Rockdale State, Rockdale, $1,182,791; Thorndale State, $74,524; and Buckholts State, $231,927. Total gains add up to $5,415,906.

Other area banks in Rosebud and Rogers also showed gains in deposits during the past year, making the impression that things are going along pretty good in Central Texas.

Deposits

Milam Banks	Dec. 31, 1975	Dec. 31, 1974
Citizens National, Cameron	23,827,086.84	21,452,505.20
First National, Cameron	15,652,875.69	14,090,792.32
Rockdale State, Rockdale	20,724,194.89	19,541,403.74
Thorndale State	3,084,156.30	3,010,632.02
Buckholts State	3,510,790.03	3,278,863.36
Area Banks		
First State, Rogers	2,694,454.91	2,277,769.85
Planters National, Rosebud	5,600,518.26	5,201-129.29
First National, Rosebud	6,802,379.82	6,074,733.49

Tax Form Questions Aid Revenue Sharing

Individual Internal Revenue Service (IRS) taxpayer returns for 1975 include questions on residence intended to provide an accurate basis for equitable distribution of general revenue sharing funds, according to the Office of Revenue Sharing (ORS) of the U. S. Treasury Department.

Such funds are returned by the Federal government to State and local general-purpose governments under terms of Federal revenue sharing lw. The amount each government receives is based, in part, on population and per capita income estimates made by the Bureau of the Census, U. S. Department of Commerce.

The new questions on the income tax form are designed to identify the taxpayer's legal residence, which may differ from his or her mailing address. Authority to ask the new questions is provided in Section 6017A of the Internal Revenue Code.

The information from the residence questions will be used by the Bureau of the Census to make biennial population and per capita income estimates needed to insure that States and communities receive the amounts of general revenue sharing funds to which they are entitled. For this reason, all taxpayers are urged to provide the information as an assistance to their State and communities. The Internal Revenue Code authorizes a fine to be imposed for failure to provide the residence data, unless reasonable cause is shown for such failure.

Information provided to the Census Bureau. under law, can be published as statistical totals only, and no information about a person or individual firm may be disclosed to any person, institution, or government agency. This law of confidentiality under which he Bureau operates applies also to the residence data to be collected on IRS returns.

Armed Bandit Robs Barr's Service Station

An armed bandit wearing a ski mask robbed Barr's Texaco service station of about $1,200 Thursday and the serach for him is still on, according to Police Chief Kent Butler.

Law enforcement officers late Thursday abandoned four road blocks but continued the search for the armed thief.

No one was injured in the incident, which occurred about 12:50 p.m. Thursday.

The bandit threatened station owner Neil Barr with a 38-caliber pistol, Police Sgt. Bill Sparks said, then locked Barr in a game room next to the station and took the money from a cash register and a cash box.

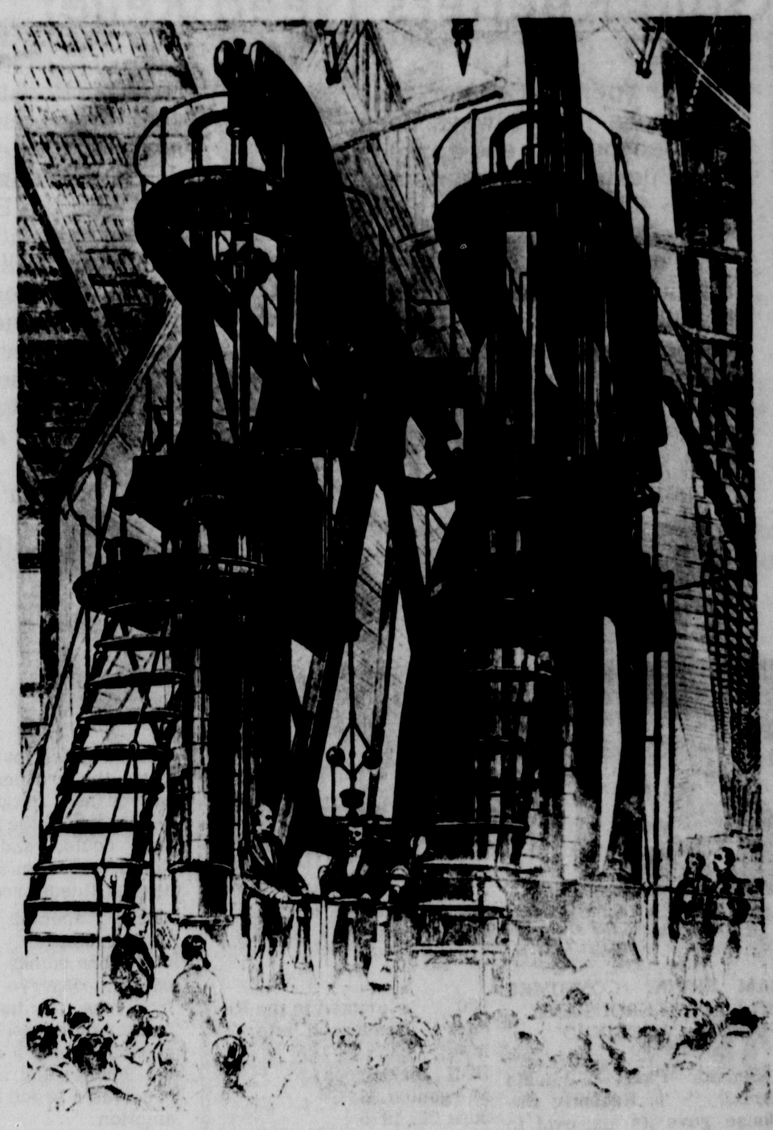
Barr told police the gunman entered the station off Highway 36 wearing a ski mask and asked for some matches. The station owner said he was not alarmed by the ski mask because of the freezing temperature and because he had seen other persons wearing the masks earlier Thursday.

When Barr turned to get the matches, the robber pulled the pistol and forced Barr into the game room, police said.

Chief Butler said there are no new developments in the theft of $15,000 worth of mechandise from L&M Jewelers.

Grand Jury Meets

The Milam County grand jury convened Friday in a called session with several witnesses called. The jury was still in session at presstime, so more information was not available.



PRESIDENT GRANT (center) starts the Corliss Engine at the Centennial celebration, 1876. Many of the questions about national purpose that were asked in 1876 must be asked again today. Photo courtesy Bettman Archive.

Bicentennial Series Starts

Editor's Note: This is the first in a series of 18 weekly articles written for the nation's Bicentennial and exploring themes of the American Issues Forum. The Forum is a national program designed to engage all Americans in a dialogue about issues fundamental to their past, present, and future. In this introductory article, Prof. Daniel Aaron of Harvard University, coordinator of this series, examines some of the parallels between our Centennial and Bicentennial and gives us a glimpse of the themes to be discussed in the weeks ahead.

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The Philadelphia Exposition of 1876 marked the offical opening of the nation's first century celebration, and millions of visitors came to gawk and marvel at the profusion of exhibits. In his centennial speech President Grant reminded his countrymen of the nation's stupendous progress since the days when it was new and partially settled. The United states, he asserted with pardonable exaggeration, now rivaled Europe in the arts and sciences. "Whilst proud of what we have done," he concluded, "we regret that we have not done more."

For those of us today who think the nation is morally if not economically bankrupt, it is worth recalling that many Americans in 1876 felt the same way. They worried about the economy and labor unrest and wholesale immorality; they gagged at the squalid scandals of the Grant administration. Politicians close to the President were being jailed or threatened with impeachment.

The country had already suffered three years of depression, and by the Centennial failing banks, falling wages and rising unemployment seemed to foreshadow even darker days ahead. Then as today the older generation agonized over the "youth problem" and "crime in the streets." And what was to be done with the unruly women liberationists, demanding the vote, some even threatening to foment a rebellion? No wonder many Americans looked longingly back to what they believed to be a simpler and less harried past.

"A NATION'S BANQUET"

American in 1876 had less reason than we to fear the future. Its enormous power would soon dazzle the world. If skeptics asked even then how this power would be used. few questioned President Grant's boast that the nation need no longer defer to the Old World To paraphrase the speech of one poetic United States Senator, the tree of liberty planted in 1776 was "bearing golden fruit," and a grateful people now gathered around its trunk to feast on "a nation's banquet."

The exuberant ceremonial rhetoric inspired by the Centennial may seem out of keeping with the tone and mood ofthe Bicentennial. Doubts about the national purpose that troubled a thoughtful minority in 1876 are now shared by millions of our contemporaries. The already familiar questions they raised in that year must be asked again. Does the safety of the nation depend upon the character and intelligence of the electorate? Can or should the states resist the pull of controlled federal authority? Will the convuslions resulting from thickening urban populations and bankruptcy of cities compel a hearing for radical social solutions? "Truly," said a famous English visitor in 1876. "America has a great future before her: great in toil, in care, and in responsbiliity; great in true glory if she be guided in wisdom and righteousness; great in shame if she fail."

A BICENTENNIAL COURSE

These and other themes will prevade this third series of Courses by Newspapers--The American Issues Forum I--on the making of American society The 18 'lectures' or articles comprising the Course have been synchronized with the first four topics of the Calendar of the American Issues Forum. a national program for the Bicentennial year. (A sequel course, American Issues Forum II, will discuss the molding of American values, beginning in January). These articles are intended to provoke as many questions as possible even if few are fully answered.

What does it mean to be an American? Why did the acute American novelist, Henry James, say that being an American was a "complex fate"? Why is the American system of government still referred to as an "experiment"? And more to the points, why at a time of recession at home and misery, hungry, and war abroad should we celebrate the bicentennial at all? Are the American people really interested in conducting a national dialogue about their history, their social institutions, their values? Is the Bicentennial merely to be a mindless whitewash--an effort to convince the unconvinced that all is right with the Republic?

It's not hard to understand, for example, why some black Americans (as one black journalist put it,) aren't "going around saying, 'wow, great, we were slaves in 1776'." National holidays don't make second-class citizens, white or non-white, women or men, feel less second-class History offers small consolation for the insulted and the injured Yet historical excavation can often put the troubled present into clearer perspective.

As we ponder the meaning of the Bicentennial, do we not unthinkingly take for granted an important fact: that American society--though it limps and coughs and is speckled with warts--still functions reasonably well compared with most other socieites and at a time when the majority of the world population is living under authoritarian rule? If Americans are less enlightened, fair-minded, unselfish, and efficient than their flatterers have claimed, are they any worse than the rest of what Mark Twain called "the damned human race?" We are the beneficiaries and victims of a past we did not create. We can't claim credit for the enormous national resources that made our country rich and powerful; or for Old World institutions that changed and developed in a New World setting; or for the honorable achievements of our remote and recent forebears. Neither should we be held responsible for the folly, ignorance, shortsightedness, or cruelty of dead Americans.

The four sets of articles to follow during the next four months will discuss some of the nation's succe-

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IRS Questions Vital...

If taxpayer returns for 1975 are any indication, it looks like revenue sharing will continue to help governmental units as it has been doing for several years.

The tax forms include questions on residence intended to provide an accurate basis for equitable distribution of general revenue sharing funds, according to a news release from the Department of Treasury.

Present revenue sharing provisions run out July 1, unless they are extended by a new law.

The funds have been valuable to state, county, and city governments, providing programs of spending that would not be possible otherwise without more taxation.

In Milam County, we see tangible evidence of the benefits with a new county jail and county tax office both financed with revenue sharing funds instead of a bond issue.

Cameron city government has also benefited, with new equipment replacing worn, outdated equipment, funds spent on parks and in other areas.

It is important for taxpayers to fill out the questions on their tax returns. There is a fine for failure to provide the residence data.

B. J.

Gate Keepers Need Relief...

The Yoemen Booster Club members have always been good supporters and workers; but, perhaps there is one more job they might try doing.

It has been called to our attention that the same male teachers are required to collect money and tickets at every Yoemen home game.

It seems a little unfair that these men have to attend every game as a gate keeper and never as a spectator. Their support of the team in this way is commendable--yet shouldn't the job be spread around?

Of course the Booster Club members enjoy watching the team play, but the teachers should have the same opportunity. With the Booster Club membership, it would be possible for a different group of men to keep gate at every home game, with every man not having to miss more than one home game. This means of switching-off seems a great deal fairer.

Come on, Booster Club, give the teachers a break. Everyone likes to watch the Yoemen play.

D. W.

"Low Down" FROM THE Congressional Record

By JOE CRUMP

(A Column for Readers Who Haven't Time to Review the Congressional Record Daily)

SAM ERVIN: 'CONSUMER BILLS DANGEROUS AND POORLY CONCEIVED'

Senator Paul J. Fannin (Ariz.) ". . .Recently the House gave its approval to what is jokingly referred to as a consumer protection bill, H.R. 7575. Earlier the Senate also passed similar legislation, S.200, to create a so-called "agency for consumer advocacy. . .Former Senator Sam Ervin has called this bill, 'the most dangerous piece of legislation ever presented to the Congress". . The President indicated some time ago that he would likely veto this measure. . .

"Because of the differences between the Senate and the House versions, the consumer agency bill now goes to conference. . .

"I ask unanimous consent that the complete text of Senator Ervin's letter to Congressman Jack Brooks concerning H.R. 7575 and S. 200. . .be printed in the Record." (Condensed letter follows):

HON. Jack Brooks,
Morganton, N. C.
June 23, 1975

Chairman, Committee on Government Operations,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Chairman: If one of these bills should be passed by the Congress, it will demonstrate that the National Legislature has lost touch with reality.

I am well aware that, during the hearings in the House last Congress, Ralph Nader offered what he said was an example of an interest of consumers which was "quite clear." His example? Mandatory installation of seat belt devices in automobiles.

Organized labor saw it that a complete gag was put on the new consumer bureaucracy's intended advocacy in labor-related matters. Then came the broadcasters who proved to a majority of the Senate that the consumer unit could, and probably would, put them out of business at license renewal time. Their special interests were exempted.

If labor unions and broadcasters deserve protection from the new bureaucracy, farmers must need equal protection thought a majority of the Senate, and so farmers received a broad special exemption.

In summary, Mr. Chairman, the bills before you are not merely bad bills, the are dangerous bills, poorly conceived. A mere reading beyond their glorious titles will demonstrate this to be so.

Sincerely yours,
Sam J. Ervin, Jr.

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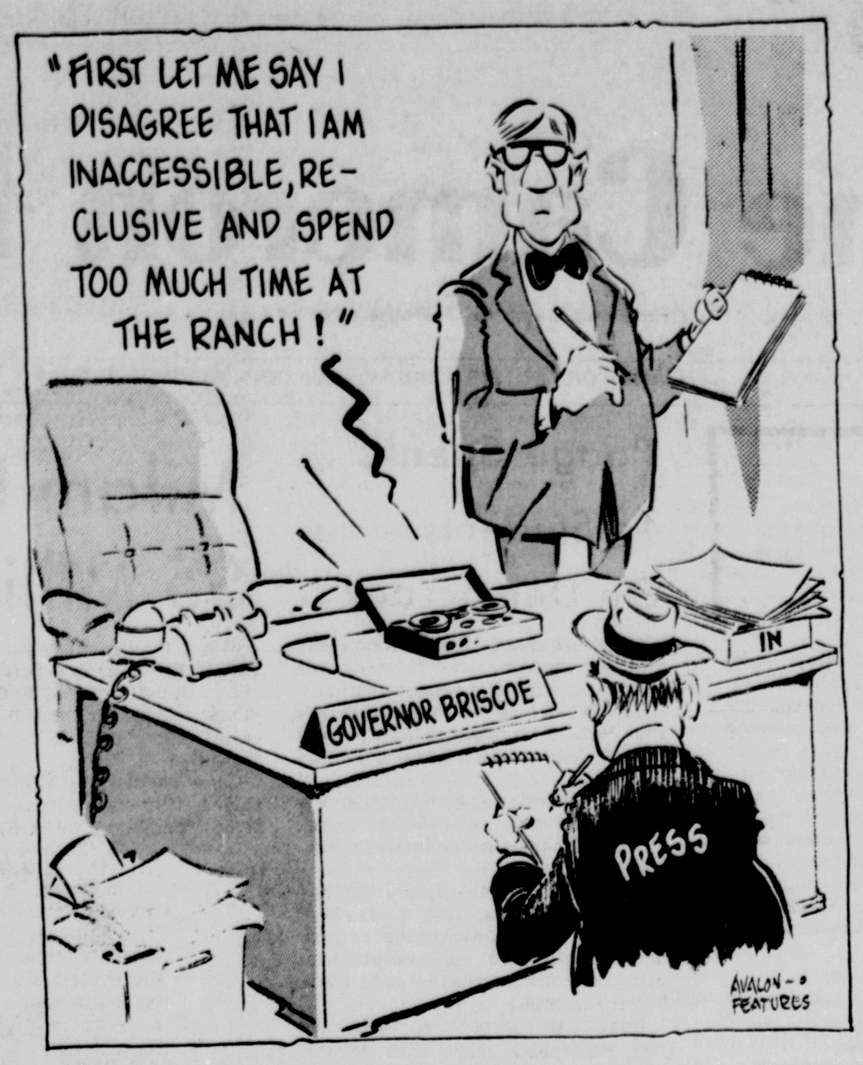
CRUMP'S GRASS ROOTS COMMENT

The former Senator's protests fell on deaf ears. It will take President Ford's veto to stop what Sam Ervin calls, "the most dangerous piece of legislation ever presented to the Congress." The new bureau would require the immediate hiring of 400 lawyers with complete staffs and office space to accommodate [illegible]


"FIRST LET ME SAY I DISAGREE THAT I AM INACCESSIBLE, RECLUSIVE AND SPEND TOO MUCH TIME AT THE RANCH!"
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Egypt's Debts Producing A Gloomy New Year

By Fouad El-Gawhary

CAIRO

Reuter--Egypt, once the richest Arab country, faces a gloomy new year with little hope for a solution to the country's staggering economic problems.

According to economic experts here, President Anwar Sadat's efforts to tie his country closer to the west and attract western capital and know-how are unlikely to make a noticeable impact on most of Egypt's 40 million people before the late 1970s.

Meanwhile, Egyptians will have to live with prices rising much faster than wages and a population explosion which mocks all attempts to bridge the vast gap between consumption and production.

"Egypt is living on borrowed time and borrowed money," a foreign banker here said. "It will take at least three to four years before things will begin to improve."

Just how much Egypt has borrowed was disclosed recently by economics Minister Mohamed Zaki, who told a stunned People's Assembly (Parliament) that Egypt's foreign debts totalled 2.7 billion Egyptian pounds (about $4.2 billion)--excluding military debts.

These Zaki said, were a closely-guarded secret.

Unofficial estimates of how much Egypt owes the Soviet Union--for almost 20 years Egypt's sole arms supplier and closest ally--range between 1.5 and 3 billion pounds--and the Russians are pressing for repayment.

During the assembly debate at which Zaki disclosed the civilian debts--the first such announcement since the late President Gamal Abdel Nasser overthrew the monarchy in 1952--at least one assembly member urged a cut in military spending. His call sparked fierce opposition.

Most of Egypt's non-military debts are repayable over periods of up to 40 years, according to economic experts. But even rescheduling these debts, let alone paying them, imposes considerable strains on an economy still largely based on agriculture.

Zaki said the debts included 170 million pounds to the United States, 158 million to West Germany, 22 million to Japan, 27 million to Saudi Arabia, 33 million to Abu Dhabi, 51 million to Iran, and 178 million to international organizations.

But debt is not the only disease plaguing Egypt's economy. Planning Minister Inbrahim Abdel Helmi has estimated the balance of payments deficit at 4.4 billion dollars--and called for drastic reforms of the economic structure.

Consumption in recent years had exceeded production by 50 percent. Helmi said. He told the assembly that Egypt must not only increase production but also amend its monetary regulations to attract foreign capital.

Western businessmen here have said that some of their colleagues had given up plans to move into Egypt because of endless red tape and bureaucratic lethargy.

President Sadat knows that his popularity at home now depends to a large extent on the implementation of plans for Egypt's economic revival. And he is turning to his Arab allies, notably Saudi Arabia and the oil-rich Persian Gulf states, for help.

Premier Mamdouh Salem is due to tour the gulf and Saudi Arabia shortly to explain Egypt's economic situation.

There is a growing feeling among Eygptians that it is the duty of the wealthy Arab nations to help Egypt because it sacraficied its wealth and manpower by shouldering the brunt of four wars with Israel in the name of the Arab cause.

So far, the liberation of the economy which President Sadat introduced three years ago has tended to benefit a small number of entrepreneurs rather than the average Egyptian, whose annual per head income is 110 pounds (about 170 dollars)

Egyptian columnists have now launched a campaign against what has become known here as "fat cats," a reference to an emerging new bourgeousie accused of accumulating fortunes at the expense of the people.

German Car Industry Booms

By Andrew Fisher

BONN

Reuter--Although 1975 has marked the worst recession to hit West Germany since World War II, the country's car industry, usually a barometer of economic trends, is enjoying a surprising boom.

And few have been more surprised by this paradoxical development than the car bosses themselves, who were still smarting at the turn of the year from the lingering effects of the oil crisis which reputed so dramatically in late 1973.

For instead of having to wind down production, dismiss surplus workers and slash costs ruthlessly, the auto firms are now struggling to meet the surge in demand and keep down lenghtening delivery dates by bringing in extra shifts and taking on more employees.

Seemingly most unprepared of all for the market's unexpected turnaround was the huge Volkswagen concern, which announced plans in April to cut its labor force by 25,000 people and has since had to move embarrassingly into reverse by adding new shifts and re-employing workers.

Altogether this year, West German motorists are expected to buy more than two million new cars, bringing the sales totalback to the pre-oil crisis days of the early 1970s.

In the first ten months of 1975 alone, new car registrations shot up by 23 percent to 1.8 million, with the Frankfurt motor show in September giving the market an added boost.

One of the main beneficiaries has been in the huge Volkswagen concern which after relaying for too long on its ubiquitous "Beetle," is now profiting from its latest range, including the snappy little economy "Golf" model, sold successfully in the United States as the "Rabbit."

Volkswagen expects to halve its staggering 1974 group loss of over 300 million dollars this year and make a welcome return to the black in 1976, when it is also due to make a crucial decision on whether to set up production facilities in the vital but costly American market. So far it has shipped the vehicles across the Atlantic.

Also deeply relieved at this country's new car boom, partly explained by the fact that incomes here have risen faster in 1975 than the West German inflation rate of around six percent, are the local offshoots of the giant U. S. automakers.

Both Ford of Germany and Opel, owned by General Motors, have been giving their Detroit parent something to smile about this year, after turning in dismal financing performances in 1974, which they described as their worst year since the second world war.

Up at the prestige end of the West German car market, the optimism is even more pronounced, especially at Daimler-Benz which suffered hardly at all last year. Owned 14 percent by Kuwait, it turns out trucks as well as the sleek Mercedes limousines and sports cars. It could make record profits this year, helped along by sales to Middle East oil countries worth some 945 million dollars.

IRS Sets Up Complaint Center

If you have a problem or complaint with the Internal Revenue Service, the tax agency wants to know about it.

Robert M. McKeever, district director for southern Texas, today announced that a special unit has been set up in the Austin office to handle complaints from taxpayers in the southern Texas IRS district.

"For example," he said, "we want to know about discourteous treatment by IRS employees, failure of IRS offices to respond to taxpayers letters, as well as situations where the taxpayer feels that IRS appeals procedures are inadequate

McKeever said that complaint letters should be directed to the Taxpayer Complaint Unit, P.O. Box 1863, Austin, TX 78767.

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sses and failures, not in dry textbook fashion, but as living history. The authors look back to the earliest days of the Republic--and forward into the present and future, singling out events from the past in order to illuminate America today. They examine what lies behind the taken-for-granted; what popular conceptions and misconceptions derive from fact, what from myth; what Americans can take pride in as a people and what they probably regret.

"AMERICANS"

John Higham opens the series. He is concerned with the American sense of identity, how successive waves of immigrants gradually coalesced into a people and came to think of themselves as 'Americans.' In the merging of various nationalities and races, the treatment of Indians and black Africans clashed with the claims of American ideologists. Nor were all iimmigrants considered suitable ingredients for the "Melting Pot." And yet, as Professor Higham shows, our history is in part the struggle of a people to realize its humane ideal of assimilation.

CHANGING LANDSCAPES

But America was a land before it became an idea, a visual landscape. The early settlers, English and Spanish, set about recreating Old World landscapes they were familiar with. The process by which a new series of landscapes emerged--and the ways in which they reflected the individuality, occupations, and social needs of the population--is the theme of John Brinckerhoff Jackson's articles.

MAINTAINING OUR FREEDOMS

These transformations occurred in a society dedicated to a representative form of government and under a Constitution, Alan Barth reminds us in the third set of articles, that make "the people" the sovereign. This "root premise of the American political experiment," he demonstrates, did not remain unchallenged. How four essential types of freedom--freedom of speech and assembly, freedom of the press, freedom from search and seizure, and equal protection under the laws--have been precariously maintained form the substance of his articles.

GOVERNMENT AND THE PEOPLE

Doris Kearns, whose series completes the Course, also deals with the question of government and popular will. She addresses herself, however, to the process by which a simple, weak, and decentralized government evolved into the powerful centralized government of today. She traces the expansion of presidential power, the effects of technology on modern party politics, and other realities of American political life.

These articles reveal among other things the personal views of their authors--views which many readers may violently disagree with. That in itself is not a bad thing, since the main purpose of the American Issues Forum is to stimulate a nation-wide dialogue and to encourage a fresh assessment of American ideas and institutions. Nothing is more futile and, in the long run, more harmful than unreflective complacency or unreflective rage.

Our turbulent history can be instructive. It furnishes excellent examples of what can happen when ugly passions get out of hand. It also reveals how heroically--and with what energy and resolution--a sometimes foolish and forgetful people have faced their crises.

NEXT WEEK: John Higham, Professor of History at the Johns Hopkins University and author of several studies on immigrants, will begin a discussion of "A Nation of Nations" by looking at some of the beliefs and ideals that have united the American people.

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Happening About Town

CLUBS

REACT

Milam County React, a citizens radio team, met Saturday, Jan. 3 in the Conference Room of the Rockdale State Bank.

Officers for the year 1976 were installed during this meeting. Officers are President, Robert Grimes; Vice-President, Steve Bosshard; Reach Vice-President, Jerry Heitman; Secretary-Treasuer, Linda Grimes; Reporter Historian, Mary Ann Miller.

A membership drive is in the process to recruit new members for the coming year. All those interested may contact one of the above officers for more information or call 697-3118.

SCHOOL NEWS

By Karen Richardson
Yoe Band Reporter

Hunting for horns that have been in winter storage, turning in march folios, and storing away "Santa Claus" music--theYoe High Band prepares for concert season. -After a rewarding marching season the band is changing its tune from a light, energetic style to little more serious note.

Returning from Christmas holidays, members were met with various types of concert music. The band is sight reading these numbers in order to pick the music best suited for contest.

Once again the band is playing "double time" as over 56 eager members make up the basketball band adding zest, and fun to the games. As one can see, the Yoe High Band's work is never done!

CATHY J. KUBES

College Notes

Cameron Girl Is Honor Grad

Miss Cathy J. Kubes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Kubes of 903 E. 19 in Cameron, graduated Summa Cum Laude with Business Administration degree in accounting last month from Baylor University.

All Aliens To Report Addresses

Joe F. Staley of the San Antonio Immigration and Naturalizaion Service has again reminded all aliens to report their addresses during January.

Cards with which to make the reports are available at post offices and offices of the Immigration and Naturalization Service throughout the country. The reports must be submitted in person to one of these offices.

Parents or guardians are required to submit reports for alien children under 14 years of age.

Another Fine Texas Recipe

CHINESE PEPPER STEAK

1 pound round steak in thin strips
2½ Tbsp. shortening
½ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
1 10-oz. can condensed onion soup
½ c. water
½ c. chopped canned tomatoes
2 tsp. soy sauce
1 large green pepper in strips
1 Tbsp. cornstarch
2 Tbsp. water

In skillet brown steak in shortening. Pour off fat. Sprinkle with pepper and salt. Add soup, water, tomatoes, soy sauce and green pepper. Cover. Cook over low heat 30 minutes or until tender. Stir now and then. Mix cornstarch with 2 Tbsp. water until smooth and gradually stir into sauce. Stir until thickened. Serve over rice. Serves 4.

Lady Warriors Lead The Men Into Battle

By George Vine
BONN

Reuter--The blond Amazon warriors lay side by side in the same grave with their male comrades-in-arms. Their bows and arrows lay beside them and their spears stuck up out of the ground to mark their last resting place.

Like the girls of Israel today, the young women of the German tribes 2,000 years ago were trained as soldiers and fought shoulder-to-shoulder with the men.

Ancient war graves recently discovered by German archeologists have provided the first full proof of what so far has only been known from legend and Roman chroniclers.

In A. D. 274, in the reign of the Roman Emperor Aurelianus it is recorded that 10 captured girl warriors from the tribe of the Goths were led through the streets wearing men's clothing in a triumphal procession.

A grave dating from 350 B.C. opened recently in Tecklenburg, Westphalia, contained the bodies of three women and eight men. They had shields, swords, and spears beside them while the girls, who had died from weapon wounds, had bows and arrows as well.

The Valkyries were wearing long close-fitting doeskin trousers not very different from those in current fashion together with woolen jerkins, according to a report in the West German specialist periodical Archaeologisches Korrespondenzblatt.

Dr. Alfred Dieck, author of article, also gives details of another find near Bad Grund in the Harz Mountains where the bodies of four women warriors were found. All had died from sword strokes evidently received in battle. They too were wearing meal clothing.

In modern Germany no women serve in the army except for medical officers, the first of whom joined the armed forces earlier this year. But women are well to the fore in the revolutionary guerrilla groups, fighting underground to overthrow the establishment.

At the time of Christ the same sort of girls--though without the advantage of a university education--shouldered spears to help eject Roman troops from their native hills.

Many of the graves have been found in Moorland where the peat has helped to preserve the bodies, clothing and weapons.

In Osterburg, Saxony, which is now part of communist East Germany, the body of a woman warrior was found also wearing leather trousers and jacket. Her shield was badly hacked and she had been killed by sword cuts.

Others have been found in Brandenburg near Berlin and in the formerly German inhabited Sudentenland, now in Czechslovakia, indicating that the custom of putting women in the front line was widespread.

When the Romans landed in Britain it was Boadicea, the fighting queen of the Iceni, and her two daughters who led the counter-attack.

Other graves preserved in Moorland near Denmark and upper Bavaria enable a rough dating to be made of the time when female bow-and-arrow brigades were being demobilized and fighting became an exclusively male occupation.

These graves, dating from 600 and 700 A.D., contained the bodies of women killed in battle but who were banner bearers and not combatants. The one in north Germany lay on a shield which had been pierced by an arrow, while the Bavarian Amazon was clasping what appeared to be a thick flagstaff which had been hacked by swords while her skull was cloven b y a blade.

At this period, archeologists conjecture, young women were chosen for their purity to carry the tribe's banner or totem. Many centuries later it was customary to choose a virgin to carry the banner.

The magical influence credited to virgins in the middle ages was exemplified in Joan of Arc, the Maid of Orleans. She rode into battle against the English but was mainly a symbol and inspiration to the French troops.

The drum majorettes in America who lead parades today are the lineal descendents of these "heirfona," or army maids.

Amusements

AUSTIN

Macbeth--through January --Ritz Theater

The Children's Hour--Jan. 9-31--Zachary Scott Theater

Once More With Feeling, with Don Ameche--through Feb. 8--County Dinner Playhouse

American Print Exhibit--Jan. 9-Feb. 15--Laguna Gloria Art Museum

Mexican Folk Toys--Jan. 9-Feb. 15--Laguna Gloria Art Museum

Art Faculty Exhibition--through Jan. 25--UT Art Museum

Works by Frank Reaugh, western scenes--through January --Leeds Gallery

Contemporary Prints of Yugoslavia--through Jan. 25--Moody Auditorium Gallery--St. Edwards University.

WACO

January Thaw--Jan. 9-24, Thurs.-Sat.--Waco Civic Theatre

Doris, DeLoach, Oboist--Jan. 15--8:15 p.m.--Roxy Grove Hall

Secola Baroco, presented by Baylor Distinguished Artist Series--Jan. 18--8:15 p.m.--Roxy Grave Hall

Of Mice and Men--Jan. 15-17, 19-24--Baylor Theatre

Former Minister Retires

A former Cameron Presbyterian minister was honored recently upon his retirement from the Mesquite school district as a teacher and counselor.

He is O. Chauncey Acrey, who served 45 years as a minister. A graduate of Trinity University and of Austi Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Acrey served churches in Cameron, Longview, Mercedes, Corpus Christi, San Antonio, and Dallas, including two interim services at Sunset Church in Dallas while teaching.

A gold plated football, a viking statue, an annual with a special page, a plaque with 197 names signed to it, and a sapphire tie pin were symbolic to honor his retirement

Acrey retired from a dual career as minister and educator at the close of the school year.

Other services of Acrey's career include 10 years as a director of the Cameron Chamber of Commerce, and service as chaplain of numerous groups.

While in San Antonio, Mr. and Mrs. Acrey also served the Bexar County Juvenile Delinquency Institute as counselors. From this, both the Acreys were attracted to the field of counseling and teaching.

Personal Mention

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Young and their daughter, Patti, of San Diego, Calif., spent the Christmas and New Year's holidays with her mother, Mrs. Will Vogelsang. They also visited friends and relatives in Austin.

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Scientists are working on a project which could convert some of Australia's huge coal reserves into oil. Using some of the nation's estimated 200 billiontons of coal, the researches hope to make use of initial laboratory tests in which they have produced the equivalent of one and a half to two barrels of oil from a ton of coal.

TOKYO

With bankruptcies at record levels, Japanese employees are finding more than ever before that it pays to work for one of this country's business giants such as Mitsubishi, Mitsui, or Sumitomo. For in Japan, as elsewhere, it is the small man who suffers most when recession squeezes profits and credit dries up.

GENEVA

The road trade between Europe and the Middle East is booming with some of the frenzy of a 19th century gold rush. For long-distance truck drivers who carry goods from Europe to the rich markets of the Gulf states, the rewards can be high but the hazards are great. The trucks travel in convoys for their own protection from bandits.

BOGOTA

Colombia's biggest exports are coffee and cocaine. The first, a light stimulant, swells the government's coffers by about 600 million dollars a year. Illegal cocaine trafficking brings up to 500 million dollars a year into the country while exporting suffering, hardship and, in some cases, death, according to drug experts here.

NAZARETH

The election of a Marxist mayor in Israel's biggest Arab city has given a severe jolt to the Israeli government. Tawfik Zayyad, a 46-year-old member of Parliament, Arab Nationalist, and poet who has been held in administrative detension several times for his views, was swept to power by the votes of 67 percent of the electorate.

LONDON

Within a month of announcing a ruthless policy to tighten its economy, Britain has been pushed into handing out millions of dollars of public money to an industry described as too big and too flabby. Thus was the bitter but unavoidable implication of the government's decision to pour millions into the United States Chrysler Corp. to save its British subsidary from financial collapse.

IQUITOS, PERU

An oil boom in Peru's northeastern jungle is transforming traditional life in the upper Amazon. Thousands of families have abandoned their tribal settlements on the river banks in search of lucrative work in the jungle oilfields. Now days their canoes are powered by outboard motors and many are carrying imported food.

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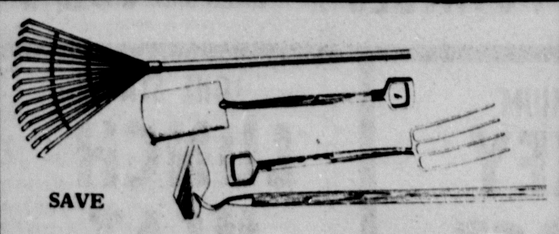

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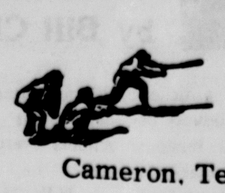

Yoette JV Wins First, Yoe Girls Split Wins With Giddings

The Yoe girls junior varsity cagers won their first season game by defeating Giddings 28-23. In the varsity game played at Giddings High School gym the Yoe girls were downed 35-59 in the Thursday night game.

In the JV game the Yoettes' man-to-man defense worked effectively and by the first quarter the Yoe girls had a 3 point advantage.

Connie Widner was leading the forward attack and pumped in 12 points in the winning effort.

By the half time the Yoettes had a 17-10 lead. But in the foul department the man-to-man defense was taking its toll. Kim Fritz had been charged with 3 personal fouls while guard Cahty Huffman had 4.

The Yoettes came back in the third quarter in a zone defense. The forawrds continued to outscore Giddings and by the final buzzer the Yoettes had scored their first season victory.

The forwards went to the free throw line 16 times and hit 8. From the field the Yoettes hit 35%.

In the varsity game Giddings experience and hot shooting cooled the Yoettes and handed them another loss.

Giddings blasted out in to the lead in the first half and by the intermission buzzer they had mounted a 33-18 lead over the Yoettes.

Diana Chubb was called for four personal fouls in the first half and Janet Angell had been charged with 3.

Evelyn Pittman had an outstanding offensive performance and was high point with 19. Georgie Wheeler had 8.

It was another cool half for the Yoettes who hit only 28% from the field. The guards continued to have difficulty in getting the ball to the forwards.

The Yoettes will return to the courts Monday night when they face Giddings at 6 p.m. at Yoe gym.

INDIVIDUAL SCORES

Junior Varsity
Connie Widner 12
Tullullah green 8
Renee Sheguit 8

Varsity
Evelyn Pittman 19
Georgia Wheeler 8
Rebecca Riola 6
Brenda Gooden 2

OJT Girls Enter Gatesville Tourney

The O. J. Thomas girls participated in the Gatesville Tournament that was held Jan. 8, 9, 10. In the first round games OJT 7th lost to Waco Lake Air 30-35. The 8th grade OJT Yoettes won 48-10 over Temple Lamar.

In the 7th grade game Denise Kelley led the scoring attack with 19, followed by Betty Sue Chubb with 11 to round out the scoring.

In the first half it was a 18-18 game and not until the fourth quarter did Waco take over the lead.

Defensive standouts according to Coach Janice Swope were Lethia White, Sherry Matthews, and Shelia Harris.

The OJT girls went to the free throw line 19 times and hit 9.

In the 8th grade game Vicki Brashear pumped in 27 points to lead the Yoettes to a first round victory 48-10 over Temple Lamar.

In the first quarter the girls had established a 6 point lead and in the second quarter they continued to pour on the steam.

By the first half buzzer the girls were in command 26-8.

The guard s held Temple scoreless in the third quarter and to only 2 points in the fourth. The OJT forwards took advantage and pumped in 22 second-half points.

Defensive standouts according to Coach Swope were Ramona Kelley, Vicki Brown, Livia Brook, and Anna Schmidt.

At press-time the OJT girls are playing in the second round of the Gatesville Tournament.

The girls will return to regular season action Monday when they will face Giddings.

INDIVIDUAL SCORES
Seventh Grade
Denise Kelley 19
Betty Sue Chubb 11

Eighth Grade
Vicki Brashear 27
Pam Kimbrel 11
Brenda Orsag 8
Judith Moore 2

O J Thomas Boys Lose To Rockdale

Both OJT cager teams lost to Rockdale in Thursday night action. The 7th grade lost 28-37 and the 8th grade lost 35-40.

In the 7th grade game Alan Sapp led the scoring attack with 8 followed by Jasper Harden with 6.

In the seventh grade game the Yoe Yoes faced a 4 point deficit the first half, 13-17. The Tigers continued to outscore the Yoe Yoes and in the second half gained 5 more points.

Alan Sapp and Jasper Harden led the scoring with 8 points each followed by Benny Canady with 6. James Mondrik and Billy Lowe both scored 2.

The OJT 7th grade went to the free throw line 11 times and scored 2, while the Tigers went to the grace line 11 times and scored 5.

The 8th grade Yoe Yoes had bad second and third quarters and it played the difference in the final outcome.

At the end of the first quarter the Tigers had a 2 point lead, 14-12. But in the second quarter it turned to ice for the Yoe Yoes and the Tigers had out-scored OJT 14-5 in that quarter.

The third quarter wasn't much different for the Yoe Yoe cagers scoring only 4. The defense had worked on the Tigers and held them to only 6 points in the third quarter.

The OJT offense pumped in 14 points to the Tiger's 6. Terry Lowe led the scoring attack with 14 followed by Dean Lewis with 11.

Dow Dodd scored 4, Kenney Stevens, 2; and Chris Riola and Timmy Mitchan each scored one.

The OJT cagers will enter into district competition Monday, Jan. 12 against Hearne. Tip-off time will be 5:30 p.m. at OJ Thomas.

Trout Stocked In Texas Lakes

Some 116,000 eight-inch rainbow trout have been stocked in five lakes and rivers around Texas in December.

Parks and Wildlife fisheries technicians and biologists are holding an additional 100,000 smaller trout in state hatcheries for release by early spring when they reach eight-inch "catchable" size.

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Lake Rita Blanca in Hartley County received 7,000; Trailrace fishery on the Brazos River below Possom Kingdom Reservoir in Palo Pinto County was stocked with 35,000.

Also the Guadalupe River below Canyon Reservior in Comal County received 60,000; Boykin Lake in the Angelina National Park in Jasper County, 3,100; and Boykin Springs received 1,100 fish.

Fisherman are reminded that trout bag limits remains at 5 daily with 10 in possession.

Camping Association Cleans Up Park Site

MINERAL WELLS

Members of the National Camping and Hikers Association descended on the Parks and Wildlife Department's Lake Mineral Wells park site in North Central Texas Nov. 14-16 and when the some 100 members left they had filled 300 garbage bags with litter taken from the area.

The Lake Mineral Wells portion of the park site, is to be deeded to the P&WD by the City of Mineral Wells. The tract of land around the lake has not been maintained or cleaned in a number of years and was littered with cans, bottles, shoes, scrap iron, and other trash.

Each trash pickup vehicle was equipped with a citizen's band radio. Accumulated trash was stacked on the road which runs around Lake Mineral Wells and CBs used to call for pickup and more trash bags.

Keith said the organization plans to return to the park site on March 19-21 to complete the litter pickup.

Finfish Are Abundant In Texas Waters

AUSTIN

Drum, sheepshead, and mullet are species of finfish that are abundant in Texa s coastal waters but underutilized by Texas fishermen.

Cooked, the black drum is often mistaken for refish. Sheepshead have a light, delicate flavor. Mullet is especially good smoked or barbecued.

One of the reasons these fish are not heavily used in Texas is lack of proper commercial fishing gear to harvest these fish without disturbing other species such as speckled trout, redfish, and flounder.

The Parks and Wildlife Department and the Pace Fish Company of Brownsville are cooperating on a study to evaluate the catch of several types of nets and trawls. The ultimate goal is to find selective fishing gear for such underutilized species.

The most successful gear employed during the first year were large mesh gill nets and a "strike" net or drag seine. The strike net was set around schools of drum that can be seen in shallow water. The resulting catch was 97 percent drum during the first year using this net.

A P&W representative accompanies the fishing crews at all times tests are in progress. Game fish inadvertently taken are either tagged and released or donated to charitable institutions. Pace Fish Company is permitted to sell drum, mullet, and other underutilized species during the experiments.

Bowling

SUNSHINE LEAGUE

Team standings: Cam. Mtrs. 37 1/2, 22 1/2; Eplen Furnt. 36 1/2, 23 1/2; McLane's 35, 22; Irene's 32 1/2, 27 1/2; Hefley Ins. 31, 29; Johnson's 28, 32; Citizens 23, 37; Morton's 16 1/2, 40 1/2.

Individual high game and high series: Cam. Mtrs. Viva McGregor 502, 202; Citizens Marian James 442, 179; Johnson's Flet Preslar 424, 178; Morton's Mary Trubee 455, Milady Hollas 170; McLane's Lisa Gann 488, 180; Mamie Hefley's Kay Raymond, 494, 194; Irene's Pat Short 547, 218; Eplen's Maxine Fail 455, 187.

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Prices Ease For Farm Equipment

Most items that agriculture producers will need in the coming year are in abundant supply and prices have eased somewhat. So an economist for the Texas Agricultural Extension Service recommeds making needed purchases or lining up needed supplies. The purchases can also be applied to this year's expenses to help reduce income taxes.

"Cost of farm inputs have generally leveled off as supplies have increased steadily in recent months," points out Dr. Wayne Hayenga. "Many manufacturers and dealers are now offering items at more attractive prices--at least somewhat lower than in the past few years."

Among items with larger inventories are fertilizer, farm equipment, pesticides, wire and twine, and seed for certain crops.

Fertilizer use was off during 1975 so supplies are generally up and prices have softened, notes the Texas A&M University economist. However, there is some concern about natural gas curtailments that would affect nitrogen production. So, Hayenga advises purchasing needed fertilizer supplies for the coming year as soon as possible.

"Except for big tractors and combines, farm machinery sales have been off, so producers thinking about replacing certain equipment might be able to find some bargains," says Hayenga. "Many dealers will be hard pressed to move items due to large inventories, so farmers should be able to do some bargaining. Some dealers may also be offering rebates."

As far as fuel is concerned, the economist notes that diesel and gas supplies should be ample but that propane and natural gas may again be tight in supply this winter. Hayenga advises to try to phase out equipment using propane and to "lock in" a source of natural gas since curtailments seem probable..

"As 1975 winds down, it makes good sense to prepare for the coming year by purchasing needed equiment and supplies while inventories are up," contends Hayenga.

MILAM AREA PARADE OF SPORTS AND EVENTS

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The Consumer Alert

by John L. Hill
Attorney General

AUSTIN—Recently lawyers in our Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division attended a meeting of the Consumer Protection Committee of the National Association of Attorneys General, where discussions centered on consumer problems common to all states.

And high on the list of those consumer problems was the continuing success of deceptive "distributorship opportunities." This type of investment scheme typically is aimed at persons who have some extra money to spend—perhaps pensioners with a small amount of savings, retired military personnel, or even persons who borrow a modest nest egg to take advantage of the chance to invest.

Most such folks can ill afford to lose their money. But they willingly "invest" it in what sounds like a golden opportunity to acquire a continuing income source that won't require too much of their time, something that will help them keep pace with inflation.

In many cases, they learn about the business opportunity through the classified section of their newspaper. An advertisement may offer the chance to become a "distributor" for a "nationally known product" and to make "fantastic earnings—up to $15,000 per year working part-time."

It's usually not until later that the person who responds to such an ad learns that he or she will have to put up a sizeable amount of cash in order to become a "distributor." The product to be distributed always is presented in an impressive light, with elaborate brochures and pictures. It may be a metal display rack featuring film or books, or vending machines that dispense anything from hosiery to hot nuts.

In one letter our Consumer Protection Division received from a consumer, the chance to invest in a fishing lure distributorship had been offered. According to the person making the offer, the lures were inexpensive versions of a lure that had proved attractive to fish and, since the fish couldn't tell the difference, they would sell like hotcakes. Unfortunately, our correspondent revealed, the fish *did* know the difference, and the distributorship was far less profitable than it had been represented to be to potential investors.

Typical complaints about deceptive distributorship schemes are that the product to be sold turns out to be shoddy and unattractive to purchasers and that locations assigned the new distributor for his racks or vending machines are so far off the beaten path that few people ever see them. Seldom are the product and locations as they had seemed during the sales pitch.

NEW TAX OFFICE is now in operation with records and personnel ready for service. Voter registration will still be taken care of in the old tax office in the courthouse. The new building's exterior matches that of the new county jail, which is next door.

Fuel Shortage Focuses Attention On Peat Bogs

There's no fuel like an old fuel. In many parts of the world peat still keeps the home fires glowing. In Ireland, they've been burning the old sod for centuries.

Now the fuel shortage is focusing attention on the ancient energy source in the United States. A large utility company in Minnesota has applied for a long-term lease on 200,000 acres of state-owned peat bog. It eventually hopes to turn the peat into synthetic heating gas.

Peat burns slowly and evenly, like the charcoal in a backyard grill. Slabs of the brown material are easily stacked and stored.

Irish Call it Turf

Peat, which the Irish call turf, formed during thousands of cool, damp years. Bog plants slowly decayed to make a fibrous substance midway between soil and coal, the National Geographic Society says.

Most bogs began as glacier-gouged lakes or ponds. Over the centuries, these filled with decaying organic matter--microscopic aquatic plants, mosses, shurbs, and trees. The vegetation may be compressed into layers 60 feet deep.

By identifying the characteristic pollen grains of different plants, scientists can reconstruct the history of a bog's plant life, through periods of moist and dry climate.

In the northern United States and Canada peat bogs commonly are called muskegs. Plants that die in a muskeg may retain their form indefinitely since the acidity, low temperatures, and lack of oxygen prevent them from decaying entirely.

More than plants are preserved. Tolls, pottery, and ornaments of civilizations hundreds of years old have been recovered in some bogs.

Found Ancient Man

Peat cutters in Denmark unearthed men preserved 2,000 years in bogs. Their skin, hair, fingernails, cellular and muscular structure were hardly touched by time. One man, probably hanged as a religious sacrifice, still wore a leather cap, belt, and braided rope around his neck.

Left undisturbed, bogs provide unique niches for naturalists to study. Many carnivorous plants thrive in muskegs because they can overcome a nitrogen deficiency by trapping and eating insects.

The round-leaved sundew (Drosera rotundifolia), a common bog resident, extends as many as 200 sticky tenticles on each of its many leaves to snare mosquitoes, flies, and gnats. The fern-like plant digests its insect diet with special dissolving enzymes.

Bogs support cash crops as well as unusual plants. Gardeners and farmers have long used peat moss as a soil conditioner.

In Massachusetts much of the state's million-a-barrel-a-year cranberry crop comes from bogs on Cape Cod. The bogs are flooded at harvest time so the buoyant berries can easily be gathered by large wooden booms.

Canal Americans Fight Handover

By John Parcell

PANAMA CANAL ZONE Reuter--The Americans who live in the U.S.-controlled Panama Canal Zone are fighting a political handover to Panama.

They fear this would expose their families to danger or mean exile to the U. S., now unfamiliar to many of them.

Douglas Schmidt, a 38-year-old Canal Zone government administrator, has spent most of his life in this 550 square mile enclave and now leads one of the civic groups campaigning against negotiations underway with Panama on relinquishment of American control.

"I was born and raised here in the zone," he said, "I do not want to give up everything which I have invested in my life here and in my family's future."

He said the biggest grievance among the 10,000 American civilian workers and their dependents was that the U. S. government had announced no plans so far for their future.

He believes that although Panamanian officials have spoken of a 25-year handover period, most of the Americans will be out of their jobs very soon after a new canal treaty is signed.

The other major anxiety of the American residents is the Panamanian National Guard, which would take over the policing of the zone three years after a treaty.

"As soon as the guardia come around the corner of our street, my children and I are leaving this place for good," one young American wife said.

The American residents are collectively known among outsiders here as "The Zonians," a name which they have come to dislike.

The word is taboo here because it carries overtones of the old colonial stereotypes; underemployment and over paid foreigners living in huge mansions with flocks of servants and neatly-tended gardens.

In fact, the Americans here are some what better off than they would be in the U.S., but not to an enormous degree.

Most months all nual vacation, cheap and attractive housing and a 15 percent Salovy bonus for tropical living. They pay U. S. federal income tax but no local taxes.

What holds many of them to the zone, however, is not cash but tradition. American embassy officials in Panama calculate that about one-third of them are second generation residents. Many of the others have been here for at least a decade.

The treaty negotiators have already agreed in principle that American police, law courts, and public services will disappear three years after the treaty is signed. There are not many other jobs which Panamanians could too quickly take over.

As Schmidt put it, "Three quarters of the work force in the zone is already Panamanian and they have been taking over at an accelarating rate. I do not believe our jobs are going to be protected for 25 years more. It is unrealistic to think so."

Although the leaders of the civic groups stress the job problem, the stormy public meetings held by zone residents to air their grievances reveal that security is the big worry for most.

At one such gathering just outside the crime-ridden Panamanian port of Colon on the Atlantic coast, a U. S. government official was jerred when he said that Panamanians did not hate Americans.

Residents repeatedly called for U. S. government guarantees that they would be physically protected when the canal was eventually handed over.

But so far the Americans have little solid evidence on which to base their facts of the national guard, reckoned by experts to be one of the best disciplined forces in the region.

In addition to their personal fears, there is a deep strain of conservatism among the Americans, who object to the U. S. giving up the control it now has over the canal.

At the Colon meeting there was applause for speakers who labeled as communist everybody involved in the treaty talks, from the Panama government to Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

Alcoa Medic's School Receives AF Honor

Dr. Evan R. Goltra, medical director at Aluminum Company of America's Rockdale Works and former commander of the School of Aerospace Medicine in San Antonio, has been advised that the school has received the Air Force Science and Technology Award for exploitation of PLZT, a space age ceramic for flash blindness protection. Work on the project was accomplished while Dr. Goltra was head of the school.

"I'm extremely proud of ths achievement and recognition," Dr. Goltra said. "It culminates about 30 years of scientific research and eye protection study for Air Force personnel." He explained that the school exploited the exotic nose cone ceramic, which under certain special conditions has desirable properties to prevent flash blindness. The material will be incorporated into specialized air crew goggles. Research and development required about three years, Dr. Goltra said.

He indicated that the material may eventually be of use in certain industrial applications.

He retired from the Air Force after 32 years' service and joined Alcoa at its Rockdale Works last September to become the plant's first full-time medical director.

DR. E. L. GOLTRA

The Speaker Reports

by Bill Clayton

AUSTIN---Almost a dozen new Texas laws, products of the 1975 legislative session, went into effect January 1. Among them are at least four with statewide implications.

---Boat owners should find it easier to obtain financing and insurance under H.B. 292, sonsored by Rep. Ben Munson of Denison.

The law requires a certificate of title on all boats over 14 feet and motors over 12 horsepower in which ownership changes after January 1. Dealers must provide buyers of new boats with forms and manufacturer's statement to purchase the $2 state title.

Used boats being registered must be accompanied by a notarized affidavit of ownership before certificate of title will be issued. The law should give boat owners added protection in recovering stolen property.

---The Texas Department of Public Welfare is placing a number of additional child care institutions under regulation. There is some controversy over intent of S.B. 965, which passed as a result of investigations which showed unsafe conditions in some homes.

It has been brought to the attention of the welfare agency that some of the guidelines formulated would appear to go beyond intent of the legislature and could force some homes out of business.

We want our children adequately protected, but it was not intended the welfare department dictate to the schools every step in every area.

---H.B. 750 by Rep. Joe Salem of Corpus Christi provides for cancellation of licenses of auto inspection stations that fradulently require unnecessary repairs or parts before approving vehicles for state inspection.

---Signed statements on the back of new driver license forms allow motorists to declare intent in donating parts of their bodies for transplants. H.B. 916 was authored by Dallas Rep. John Bryant.

Between now and mid-year, the Texas Railroad Commission will be issuing regulations on coal, lignite and uranium strip mines to see that land is restored after mining.

Other bills which became law on the first day of the year provide for registration of cotton buyers, set out alternate disclosure requirements in the state credit law and provide for municipal courts, county courts and juvenile boards in certain counties and cities.

For the first time Texas citizens can find in a single document all the new rules and regulations stemming from new laws and all other matters pertinent to state government. It will all be in the twice-weekly Texas Register, available from the Secretary of State's Office for $26.25 a year.

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Preparing Street and 1" Hot Mix Asphalt over lay on Sixth Street--approximately 586 feet. Preparing street on Jefferson from Fourth to Sixth Street and installing 1" Hot Mix Asphalt over lay--approximately 475 feet. Preparing base and installing 1" Hot Mix on Polk Street--approximately 475 feet. Preparing base installing 1" Hot Mix on Seventh Street--approximately 535 feet. Preparing base installing 1" Hot Mix on Jefferson--approximately 240 feet.

All measurements to be checked by the Contractor and all work to be checked by Cameron Superintendent of Public Works.

For additional information check with the Community Development Agency of the City of Cameron, 112 East First Street, A. W. McCullin, executive director.

The City reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and re-advertise

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City Secretary
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Card Of Thanks

I would like to thank everyone who was so kind to me during my illness. A special thanks to Ed Laywell and Felix Matula who assisted me in my time of need. Also thanks to Father Geiser, Father Jimmy, and Bro. Dietrich for their prayers. Thanks too to the doctors and nurses of St. Edward Hospital for the care I received.
Joe Humplik

THANK YOU

My deep appreciation for the many expressions of love, friendship, and concern on behalf of W. B. (Bill) Harsha.
Mrs. Vard A. Hutcherson

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Chicken Bundle From Freezer-To-Table

A bundle of good eating is yours in this quick to fix chicken dinner. Enjoy a flavorful combination of chicken, potatoes, carrots and peas laced with a touch of thyme leaves. All of these ingredients, plus the usual salt, pepper and butter seasonings are wrapped and baked together in heavy duty Reynolds Wrap.

Prepare and bake this dinner the same day or store in your freezer for a quick freezer-to-table dinner sometime later. Chicken in a Bundle may be cooked from the frozen state! It's a handy meal in a bundle for any member of the family to prepare.

Chicken in a Bundle

- 1 broiler-fryer chicken, cut in half
- 2 large carrots, cut into 1-inch pieces
- 2 medium potatoes, peeled and quartered
- 1 cup frozen peas
- salt, pepper
- ½ teaspoon thyme leaves
- ¼ cup butter

Tear two squares of heavy duty Reynolds Wrap about 16 x 18 inches. Arrange chicken, vegetables, seasonings and butter in center of foil, dividing equally. Seal foil. To cook, place on shallow pan and bake in a 375°F oven for about 1 hour. If frozen, bake for 1½ hours.

Taxpayers Can Call Toll Free

Comptroller Bob Bullock said his office began operation Tuesday of a toll-free WATS line to answer general taxpayer questions.

He said the number is 1-800-292-9687.

"Information is like oil to the machinery of business or government," Bullock said. "Without it we just can't run as well."

The Comptroller said his office deals directly with more than half a million taxpayers, nearly all of whom have a question from time to time.

"If they don't get an answer," Bullock said, "they might make a mistake on their return. That will cost them and us money to correct."

He added that every person in the state, "even a kid buying a 15¢ candy bar," deals indirectly with his office by paying the state sales tax and is equally entitled to answers about taxes.

Bullock said the toll-free line will be in operation from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, with extensions in each taxing division, as well as in the legal division and tax information office.

Taxpayers with specific questions on matters already being negotiated with the Comptroller's Office should contact the persons with whom they have been dealing directly, he said. Bullock said many taxpayer questions can best be answered by contacting the local district office, listed under "Texas, State Of. . .Comptroller of Public Accounts" in the telephone directory.

Travelers Come To Texas

AUSTIN

The nation's energy crunch hasn't discouraged American travelers; from the President vacationing in his favorite ski resort to the retiree rambling southward to Texas' Lower Rio Grande Valley, Americans are still very much on the move.

That's the conclusion drawn from the fall-quarter travel report just released by the State Department of Highways and Public Transportation about out-of-state auto visitors to Texas during Sepetember, October, and November.

Tourists are driving just as far, staying just as long, and spending even more money than they did during the same period last year. In fact, those travel indicators are topping even 1973, which was Texas' all-time banner year for tourism.

The report does not state that overall Texas tourism has increased, because such data will be available only after the entire year's travel statistics are integrated with highway traffic surveys conducted throughout 1975. However, the year's tally of visitors to Texas tourist bureaus ended 18 percent ahead of last year.

According to Travel and Information Division Director Tom H. Taylor, the increasing popularity of Texas tourist bureaus is indicative of current travel trends to plan trips more carefully, making more efficient use of both time and fuel. Also, free travel literature and highway maps from private sources are not longer availabe to the extent they were in previous years.

Consolidated Report of Condition, Including Domestic Subsidiaries, of the

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	Thousands of dollars	
ASSETS		
Cash and due from banks (included 0 unposted debits)		2,626
U. S. Treasury securities		3,401
Obligations of other U. S. Govt. agencies and corps.		3,053
Obligations of States and political subdivision		7,799
Other securities (including 0 corporate stock)		45
Federal funds sold and securities purchased under agreement to resell		2,250
Loans		8,257
Bank premises, furniture, and fixtures, and other assets representing bank premises		84
Real estate owned other than bank premises		139
Other assets (including 0 direct lease financing)		14
TOTAL ASSETS	27,668	
LIABILITIES		
Demand deposits of individuals, prtnshps, and corps.		6,078
Time and savings deposits of individuals, prtnshps, and corps.		15,222
Deposts of U. S. Govt.		24
Deposits of States and political subdivisions		2,339
Deposits of commercial banks		17
Certified and officer's checks, etc.		147
TOTAL DEPOSITS	23,827	
(a) Total demand deposits		7,238
(b) Total time and savings deposits		16,589
Other liabilities		182
TOTAL LIABILITIES	24,009	
Reserve for bad debt losses on loans (set up pursuant to IRS rulings)		143
Other reserves on loans		325
Reserves on securities		460
TOTAL RESERVES ON LOANS AND SECURITIES	928	
CAPITAL ACCOUNTS		
EQUITY CAPITAL, total	2,731	
Common stock, total par value		1,000
(No. shares authorized 10,000		
(No. shares outstanding 10,000)		500
Surplus		6
Undivided profits		
Reserve for contingencies and other capital reserves		1,225
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	2,731	
TOTAL LIABILITIES, RESERVES, AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	27,668	

MEMORANDA

Average of total deposits for the 15 calendar days ending with the call date	23,953
Average of total loans for the 15 calendar days ending with call date	8,192

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OBITUARY

Jones

Funeral for Johnnie Thomas Jones Sr., 39, of the Tracy community near Rockdale, was at 2 p.m. Wednesday in Phillips and Luckey Funeral Home with the Rev. Bob Wimberly officiating. Burial was in the Sharp Cemetery.

Mr. Jones died Monday in a Taylor hospital from injuries he received in a one-car accident Monday in San Gabriel.

Surviving are his wife, Mrs. Greta R. Jones of Tracy; two sons, Johnnie Jones Jr. and Harvey Lee Jones, both of Tracy; five brothers, Ray Jones, Charlie Jones, David Jones, Bobby Jones, and Walter Jones, all of Taylor; and four sisters, Mrs. Rubin Ethridge of Houston, Mrs. Dora Mae Barrow of Austin, and Mrs. Jerry Balcher and Mrs. Emil Bachmeyer, both of Taylor.

Willingham

Mrs. Clara Willingham, 63, of Lott died Monday in a Temple hospital.

Funeral was Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Hoelscher Funeral Home in Rosebud with Minister Larry Stevens officating. Burial was in Clover Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Willingham was a life long resident of Lott and was a retired teacher. She was a member of the Lott Church of Christ.

Surviving are her husband, J. B. Willingham; one daughter, Mrs. Wayne Newby of Lott; and two grandchildren.

Hunter

Funeral for Mrs. Nellie I. Hunter of Oklahoma City, Okla., and formerly of Cameron, was at 2 p.m. Friday in Marek-Burns-Laywell Funeral Home in Cameron with the Rev. Stanley Vodicka officiating. Burial was in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Mrs. Hunter died Wednesday in an Oklahoma City hospital.

Surviving are two nieces, Miss Bertha Williams of Rosebud and Mrs. Chester Rogers of Houston.

Spaulding

Clayton W. Spaulding, 68, of Houston and formerly of Milam County, died January 9 in Houston.

Surviving are his wife, Lillian Spaulding; two sons, J. C. and Roy Allen Spaulding; two daughters, Jo Ann Auipa and Betty Acardo; six grandchildren; one brother, J. R. Spaulding, all of Houston; a sister, Eloise Josey of Cleveland.

Rosary was recited Saturday at the Pat Foley Funeral Home in Houston.

Mechanic Foreman Job Open

The U. S. Civil Service Commission is currently accepting applications for an Automotive Mechanic Foreman, starting salary $7.33 in Fort Worth.

The position involves the supervision of inmate workers in repairing and maintaining motor vehicles and requires an highly skilled mechanic with proven supervisory abilities.

Interested persons should have their applications postmarked no later than Jan. 9, 1976. Applications postmarked after that date may not be accepted.

Public Law 93-350 limits consideration only to those candidates who have not reached their 35th birthday.

The appropriate forms may be obtained from the Dallas Area Office, U. S. Civil Service Commission, 110 Commerce Street, Dallas, Texas 75202, by calling 749-3156 in the local area or 1-800-492-4400 if you are located outside the Dallas metroplex, and within the State of Texas.

McElwrath

Homer C. McElwrath, 78, of Grand Prairie, died early Saturday, Jan. 3 in a Dallas hospital.

A native of Bell County, Mr. McElwrath had been a resident of Grand Prairie for the past 34 years. He retired from LTV Aerospace Corp. in 1963. He was a member of the Golden Agers Club of Grand Prairie and the local chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

Surviving are hs wife, Clara; one son, Ruel McElwrath of Lake Tawakoni; two daughters, Mrs. Wayne Vaughn and Mrs. Pherrol Brady, both of Grand Prairie; two brothers, Dewey McElwrath of Cameron and Johnnie McElwrath of Rosebud; one sister, Mrs. Erska Hill of Houston; nine grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Funeral service was at 3 p.m. Jan. 5 in Grand Prairie.

Harsha

William G. (Bill) Harsha, 73, of 411 W. Sixth St., Cameron, died in a Cameron hospital Wednesday morning following a long illness.

Funeral service was at 11 a.m. Thursday in the chapel of Green Funeral Home with Rev. L. C. Reece officiating. Burial was in Oak Hill Cemetery.

Mr. Harsha was born December 11, 1902 in Valencia, Kans., but had been a resident of Cameron for many years. He was employed as a salesman for McLane Company until his retirement. He was a member of the First Christian Church, the San Andres Lodge No. 170, AF & AM, the Little River Chapter and Council No. 66, the Order of the Eastern Star No. 553.

Surviving him is a sister-in-law, Mrs. Vard Hutcerson of Palestine.

NE Milam

By Mrs. Coy Shuffield

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Cheatham's guests Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Corley of Austin.

Mrs. Mildred Martin's Sunday dinner guests were Rev. and Mrs. Doyle Young, Mrs. Hallie Massengail, and Burnett and Susie Atkinson.

Congratulations to Mrs. Hazel Fontain. She received word she was a grandmother. Mr. and Mrs. Mike Murray are the proud parents of a baby girl, Karen Michelle, born Jan. 2, weighed 6 pounds. The mother is the former Karen Fontain.

Rev. Norvel Barnes filled the pulpit at Davilla last Sunday.

The W.M.V. Women of Little River Baptist Church held it's meeting Tuesday several members were absent and one guest was present, Mrs. Asa Landers of Calvert.

Mr. and Mrs. Coy Shuffield, Carlton, and T. A. Beard were New Year's dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Emett Davis. Mr. Shuffield entered Holbert Hospital Jan. 2 with pneumonia. Saturday guests were Mrs. Lilly Bell Brown, Mr. James Cameron and Marek of Houston, Mrs. Hatty Shuffield and Elvin of Austin. Sunday guests were Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Gage of Thorndale, and Mr. and Mr. Elvin Harwell of Belmena.

Mrs. Carey Heinz spent Christmas in Houston with her daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Susik while there they took her to the Ramblin Rose for supper and dancing. The Susiks returned home with Mrs. Heinz on New Year's.

Mrs. Bill Eanes, Charles, and David were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Kennon.

Jessie Hickman was taken to the Veteran's Hospital in Temple Tuesday.

Mrs. Evelyn Chamberlin was resting a little bit better at this writing.

Coy Shuffield returned home from the hospital Wednesday, Jan. 7 and is improving in health.

Colonial Nursing Home

By Mabel Lawhon

A Christmas party was held Dec. 18 for residents of the Home. The Rev. Stanley Vodicka gave the Christmas message.

Mrs. Denton House played Christmas music with Mrs. Louise Archer leading the singing.

Donuts and coffee were served to all the patients of the Home. Each patient received a gift and a bag of candy. Forty-six residents attended the party.

The Knights of Columbus with Santa Claus visited the Home on Dec. 16 and brought gifts of fruit and candy; needless to say, all the patients enjoyed talking with the jolly old fellow and having their pictures made with him.

Sunday, Dec. 21, James Camp took some of the residents to see the Christmas decorations on the mall and toured the residential area. Those making the trip were Mrs. Mary Lawrence, Mrs. Vera Lee Thomas, Mrs. Gertrude Ehler, Fred Taegel, Mrs. Marie Spicak, Mrs. Myrtle Henderson, Mrs. Mhrtle Schmidt, Mrs. Christina Krenek, Jessie Thompson, and William Krause.

Fruits and candy were presented to all the patients by the ladies from the Moore, Willis, and Culpepper classes of the First Methodist Church. Gene Lumpkin assisted in passing out the gifts.

The residents enjoyed all the Christmas carolers who came to sing for them. They especially enjoyed the little folks who came to sing songs and wish them a merry Christmas. Their sponsors were Mrs. Regina Woodum and Mrs. Patricia Camp.

On Dec. 21 the choir of the First Methodist Church, under the direction of Mrs. Marina Corley, furnished the music for the church service.

Dec. 28, the music was presented by the young peoples choir of the First Baptist Church, directed by Phil Smith, presided over by Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Green.

A special program of old time fiddle music was presented by A. L. Donaho and his granddaughter, Jodie Donaho, on Dec. 26. The residents all enjoyed and responded to all the old tunes with a lot of toe tapping and hand clapping.

Award Due Rural Hero Of Year

The search is underway for Texas' rural hero of 1975.

The Rural Heroism Award, sponsored by the Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Council, is presented annually to some deserving person who has performed an act of exceptional bravery during a time of crisis, according to Ben Bullard, Council vice president and assistant safety director of the Texas Farm Bureau.

All entries must be submitted by February 21, to the Rural Heroism Award Committee, Texas Farm and Ranch Safety Council, P.O. Box 489, Waco 76703, according to Bullard.

The heroic act or deed must have occurred within Texas during 1975 and should be related to farming or ranching operations.

Nominations should include a written account of the incident and the names of all persons involved. Newspapers clippings and pictures should also accompany the nominations if avilable.

The award will be presented March 22, 1976 at the annual meeting of the Texas Safety Assocation at the Sheraton-Dallas Hotel in Dallas.

Changes Told In Postal Rates

Postmaster Henry Litzman this week explained the new postal rates for the benefit of patrons who might have questions about the changes

In first class mail, cost is 13 cents for the first ounce and 11 cents for each additional ounce up to and including 13 ounces. After 13 ounces a priority rate is broken down by weight and zone.

Post cards are 9 cents each and double post cards are available for 18 cents each, Litzman said. Stamped envelopes cost 15 cents.

Postmaster Litzman said there is no more air mail charge with the exception of international mail which includes Mexico and Canada. Airmail to Mexico and Canada is 17 cents for the first ounce and 15 cents for each additional ounce. Air mail post cards are 14 cents. Ordinary first class mail for Mexico and Canda cost 13 cents for the first ounce.

International air mail to Central American countries is 25 cents per one-half ounce and 21 cents for each additional ounce. All other contries is 31 cents for the first one-half up to and including 2 ounces and 26 cents for each additional one-half ounce.

Second class: newspaper copies mailed by the public are 8 cents for the first 2 ounces and 4 cents each additional ounce.

Third class: up to 2 ounces, 13 cents; 2 to 4 ounces, 24 cents; 4-6 ounces, 34 cents; 6-8 ounces, 77 cents; 14-16 ounces, 88 cents; over one pound goes to fourth class mail.

Parcel post rates and fourth class rates are available at the post office.

Third class builk, single piece 7.7 cents.

Litzman said a fee increase for special delivery, money orders, registered letters, certified mail, and insurance ha been postponed until further notice. The exception is annual bulk mailers which goes from $30 to $40 per year.

Credit Union Declares Dividend

In a special board meeting on Dec. 30 the Board of Directors of the Central Texas Federal Credit Union declared an annual dividend of 6% on share accounts of the members of the credit union. This dividend will be credited to the members' accounts as of Dec. 31, 1975.

At the same meeting the board welcomed three new directors who were selected at the regular board meeting earlier in December. The new directors are Wayne B. Wieser, Joe W. Price, and Carol D. Haper.

Wieser is the Milam County Clerk and resides with his wife, Willie Mae, in Cameron.

Central Texas Federal Credit Union serves the employees of Bell County, Milam County, City of Thorndale, City of Rockdale, Bell County Rehabilitation Center, and the staff of the Central Texas Council of Governments.

Happy Birthday

January 12
Ladis Marek, Mrs. Don Edmonds, Nancy McDaniel, Jennifer Smith, Helen Ruth Townsend

January 13
Mrs. W. H. Gilbert, Wyvona Cummings, T. M. Eplen, Darrell Fuquay, Harvey Gommert, Mrs. Johnny Tomascik, William Malovets, Mrs. Florence Barkemeyer.

January 14
Becky Beckhusen Chenoweth, Jimmy Reyes

January 15
Barbara Burke, Buddy Dulin, Claude Sanders

January 16
Mrs. Joe Dohnalik, Janna Hearne, Fred Johns, Mrs. Pete Mikula, Billy McCutchen, Mrs. Bill McCutchen, Joey Ribar, Mrs. Adolph Richter.

January 17
Charles McAtee, Sherry Zarosky, Mrs. Linda Morgan, Dennis Ruzicka Jr., Mrs. C. E. McNeill Sr.

January 18
Albert Glaser Sr., Jocelyn Glaser, Mrs. Anton Anderle, Sidney Culp, Linda Fleming, Stephen Hanel, Bernadette Schoppe

UT Professor Is Foremost Naturalist

A University of Texas professor who is one of the nation's foremost natural resource scientists is now president of the Society of American Foresters.

Dr. Keith Arnold heads the 20,000-member group made up of forestry professionals and forestry technicians.

Dr. Arnold, who has three degrees in forestry, formerly was deputy chief of research in the U. S. Forest Service. He is an associate dean in UT's LBJ School of Public Affairs and also directs UT's Division of Natural Resources and Environment.

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Smokies	Armour Star	12-Oz. Pkg.	$1.09
Sausage	Armour Star Endless Smoked	Lb.	$1.39
Sliced Bacon	Armour Star Sliced	1-Lb. Pkg.	$1.59
Chuck Roast	Texas Fed Calf Family Pack	Lb.	79¢

TEXAS FED CALF ROUND STEAK FAMILY PACK LB. $1.19

TEXAS FED CALF CROWN ROAST LB. 69¢

T-Bone Steak	Texas Fed Calf Family Pack	Lb.	$1.39
Chuck Steak	Texas Fed Calf Family Pack	Lb.	89¢
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